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Newark, New Jersey----- Newark mayoral candidate, Harry L. Wheeler, today announced that as mayor of the city of Newark, he would institute an "open door" policy that would permit Newark's citizenry to bring their problems to him on a "person to person" basis and thereby substantially reduce the "red tape" that citizens usually encounter when they seek help from their local government.

Wheeler stated, "As mayor of the city of Newark my door will always be open to the citizens of Newark on a 'person to person' basis, so that the people of our city will be able to bring their problems directly to me, and in so doing remove the 'bureaucratic red tape' that historically the citizens of Newark have been subjected to when they sought help from local governmental officials."

"One day in each week," Wheeler continued, "of the calendar year will be set aside for citizen complaints and problems. As mayor, I will be available to hear the complaints and problems of our citizens from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and from 7:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. on the day set aside. Moreover, department heads or their representatives will be present to help facilitate the solving of the problems and adjudicate the complaints."

Wheeler added: "My 'open door' policy will in no way conflict or interfere with existing 'out reach' programs designed to help community people with their problems in their respective neighborhoods. As a matter of fact, they will compliment each other."

Wheeler concluded: "The citizens of our city must be assured that they have a voice--a strong voice--in every facet of our local government. Furthermore, every effort must be made to restore their confidence in the local governmental process. Consequently, the 'thrust and design' of my 'open doors' policy is to make certain that the people of our city realize that a 'new day' in the political life of their city has been achieved and the successful rebuilding of Newark is underway."